

Appendix 1 - Pending Claims

Sub B' 35. (New) An immediate-release fenofibrate composition comprising granulates, wherein said granulates comprise inert hydrosoluble carrier particles, which are either isolated or agglomerated together, and fenofibrate particles with a particle size below 20 μ m in admixture with a hydrophilic polymer adhering to the surface of the inert hydrosoluble carrier particles, wherein the granulates optionally comprise an outer coating or are optionally agglomerated.

A 36. (New) The composition of claim 35, wherein the inert hydrosoluble carrier particles have a particle size between 50 and 500 microns.

37. (New) The composition of claim 36, wherein the inert hydrosoluble carrier particles have a particle size between 100 and 400 microns.

38. (New) The composition of claim 37, wherein the inert hydrosoluble carrier particles are comprised of lactose.

39. (New) The composition of claim 35, wherein the granulates are produced by a process comprising spraying a suspension of the fenofibrate particles onto the inert hydrosoluble carrier particles.

40. (New) The composition of claim 39, wherein the granulates are produced by a fluidized-bed granulation technique.

41. (New) The composition of claim 40, wherein the fluidized-bed granulation technique comprises spraying a suspension of the fenofibrate particles with the hydrophilic polymer, and optionally a surfactant, onto the inert hydrosoluble carrier particles in a fluidized bed.

42. (New) The composition of claim 35, wherein the immediate-release fenofibrate composition is in the form of a tablet.

43. (New) The composition of claim 35, further comprising a surfactant with the fenofibrate particles and the hydrophilic polymer.

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44. (New) The composition of claim 35, wherein the hydrophilic polymer is polyvinylpyrrolidone.

45. (New) The composition according to claim 45, wherein the surfactant is sodium laurylsulfate.

46. (New) An immediate-release fenofibrate composition comprising granulates, said granulates comprising inert hydrosoluble carrier particles having a particle size between 100 and 400 microns, which are either isolated or agglomerated together, and fenofibrate particles with a particle size below 20 μ m in admixture with a hydrophilic polymer, adhering to the surface of the inert hydrosoluble carrier particles, wherein the granulates optionally comprise an outer coating or are optionally agglomerated, wherein the granulates are produced by fluidized-bed granulation which comprises spraying a suspension of fenofibrate particles with the hydrophilic polymer, and optionally a surfactant, onto the inert hydrosoluble carrier particles in a fluidized bed.

47. (New) The composition of claim 47, wherein the inert hydrosoluble carrier particles are comprised of lactose.

48. (New) The composition of claim 46, wherein the immediate-release fenofibrate composition is in the form of a tablet.

49. (New) The composition of claim 46, further comprising a surfactant with the fenofibrate particles and the hydrophilic polymer.

50. (New) The composition of claim 46, wherein the hydrophilic polymer is polyvinylpyrrolidone.

51. (New) The composition of claim 49, wherein the surfactant is sodium laurylsulfate.

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52. (New) A method for preparing the composition of claim 1, comprising the steps of:

- (a) preparing a fenofibrate suspension in micronized form with a particle size below 20 μm in a solution of a hydrophilic polymer, and optionally a surfactant;
- (b) spraying the fenofibrate suspension from step (a) to inert hydrosoluble carrier particles to form granules; and
- (c) optionally coating the granules from step (b) with one or several phase(s) or layer(s).

53. (New) The method of claim 52, wherein step (b) is carried out in a fluidized-bed granulator.

54. (New) The method of claim 52, further comprising compressing the product of step (b) or compressing the product of step (c).

55. (New) A method for preparing the composition of claim 46, comprising the steps of:

- (a) preparing a fenofibrate suspension in micronized form with a particle size below 20 μm in a solution of a hydrophilic polymer, and optionally a surfactant;
- (b) spraying the fenofibrate suspension from step (a) to inert hydrosoluble carrier particles having a particle size between 100 and 400 microns to form granules in a fluidized-bed granulator; and
- (c) optionally coating the granules from step (b) with one or several phase(s) or layer(s).

56. (New) The method of claim 55, further comprising compressing the product of step (b) or compressing the product of step (c).

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35. (New) An immediate-release fenofibrate composition comprising granulates, wherein said granulates comprise inert hydrosoluble carrier particles, which are either isolated or agglomerated together, and fenofibrate particles with a particle size below 20µm in admixture with a hydrophilic polymer adhering to the surface of the inert hydrosoluble carrier particles, wherein the granulates optionally comprise an outer coating or are optionally agglomerated.

36. (New) The composition of claim 35, wherein the inert hydrosoluble carrier particles have a particle size between 50 and 500 microns.

37. (New) The composition of claim 36, wherein the inert hydrosoluble carrier particles have a particle size between 100 and 400 microns.

38. (New) The composition of claim 37, wherein the inert hydrosoluble carrier particles are comprised of lactose.

39. (New) The composition of claim 35, wherein the granulates are produced by a process comprising spraying a suspension of the fenofibrate particles onto the inert hydrosoluble carrier particles.

40. (New) The composition of claim 39, wherein the granulates are produced by a fluidized-bed granulation technique.

41. (New) The composition of claim 40, wherein the fluidized-bed granulation technique comprises spraying a suspension of the fenofibrate particles with the hydrophilic polymer, and optionally a surfactant, onto the inert hydrosoluble carrier particles in a fluidized bed.

42. (New) The composition of claim 35, wherein the immediate-release fenofibrate composition is in the form of a tablet.

43. (New) The composition of claim 35, further comprising a surfactant with the fenofibrate particles and the hydrophilic polymer.

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44. (New) The composition of claim 35, wherein the hydrophilic polymer is polyvinylpyrrolidone.

45. (New) The composition according to claim 45, wherein the surfactant is sodium laurylsulfate.

46. (New) An immediate-release fenofibrate composition comprising granulates, said granulates comprising inert hydrosoluble carrier particles having a particle size between 100 and 400 microns, which are either isolated or agglomerated together, and fenofibrate particles with a particle size below 20µm in admixture with a hydrophilic polymer, adhering to the surface of the inert hydrosoluble carrier particles, wherein the granulates optionally comprise an outer coating or are optionally agglomerated, wherein the granulates are produced by fluidized-bed granulation which comprises spraying a suspension of fenofibrate particles with the hydrophilic polymer, and optionally a surfactant, onto the inert hydrosoluble carrier particles in a fluidized bed.

47. (New) The composition of claim 47, wherein the inert hydrosoluble carrier particles are comprised of lactose.

48. (New) The composition of claim 46, wherein the immediate-release fenofibrate composition is in the form of a tablet.

49. (New) The composition of claim 46, further comprising a surfactant with the fenofibrate particles and the hydrophilic polymer.

50. (New) The composition of claim 46, wherein the hydrophilic polymer is polyvinylpyrrolidone.

51. (New) The composition of claim 49, wherein the surfactant is sodium laurylsulfate.

52. (New) A method for preparing the composition of claim 1, comprising the steps of:

- (a) preparing a fenofibrate suspension in micronized form with a particle size below 20 μm in a solution of a hydrophilic polymer, and optionally a surfactant;
- (b) spraying the fenofibrate suspension from step (a) to inert hydrosoluble carrier particles to form granules; and
- (c) optionally coating the granules from step (b) with one or several phase(s) or layer(s).

53. (New) The method of claim 52, wherein step (b) is carried out in a fluidized-bed granulator.

54. (New) The method of claim 52, further comprising compressing the product of step (b) or compressing the product of step (c).

55. (New) A method for preparing the composition of claim 46, comprising the steps of:

- (a) preparing a fenofibrate suspension in micronized form with a particle size below 20 μm in a solution of a hydrophilic polymer, and optionally a surfactant;
- (b) spraying the fenofibrate suspension from step (a) to inert hydrosoluble carrier particles having a particle size between 100 and 400 microns to form granules in a fluidized-bed granulator; and
- (c) optionally coating the granules from step (b) with one or several phase(s) or layer(s).

56. (New) The method of claim 55, further comprising compressing the product of step (b) or compressing the product of step (c).